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To all Affiliated Clubs:

It is a well-recognized fact that the worst enemies ~~we~~ have in the future will be those of our number who do not accept personal responsibility for the interference their stations cause to broadcast listeners or who do not operate within the amateur wavelength bands.

Most radio clubs are familiar with the Vigilance Committee work undertaken by the League a few years ago. Such Vigilance Committees organized in communities where the amateur interference problem made this move highly desirable. The committees usually consisted of five members (two amateurs, two prominent broadcast listeners and a representative of the local newspaper). These committees solicited reports of amateur interference through the newspapers, investigating each one and putting the interested parties in touch with each other. Members of the Committee suggested ways of reducing or getting rid of the trouble and the Committee as a whole functioned in seeing that the blame for the interference was properly placed, recommending quiet hours when necessary. Through the local papers, much could be done to educate broadcast listeners regarding the different sources of interference and through this means also, diagrams of short-wave wavetraps and methods of adding magnetic coupling to non-selective, single-circuit receivers were discussed.

Both the Federal Radio Commission and representatives of the Radio Division, Department of Commerce have approved the Vigilance Committee plan. The help of representative amateur clubs in handling these local problems has been much appreciated. It has been suggested that through interference committees functioning in the different communities again, the present situation can be speedily remedied. Such steps to insure adequate self-regulation by amateurs, themselves, seem both desirable and most necessary.

Minneapolis and Chicago amateurs have already taken suitable measures. The interference committee organization at Minneapolis is described in the printed sheet I am enclosing. It is our wish that club secretaries will take this opportunity to read this article and to discuss suitable efforts which their club members may make in organized form along lines similar to those suggested. A report on any work of this nature that is being done will be appreciated by Headquarters at any time so that our record of this work will be complete.

Sincerely yours,

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